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(d) if so, what action Government are taking to retain its pilots who have been trained by our airlines at huge costs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) In the year 2000, 12 pilots of Indian Airlines submitted their resignations and 1 pilot of Air India resigned. Service matters of private airlines are not regulated by Government.

(b) Salaries of pilots of foreign airlines are higher as compared to the salaries of pilots of Indian Airlines and Air India. Salaries are among other things also linked to so many economic variables of any country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) To encourage retention of pilots measure are taken by the Airlines to provide incentives and seek execution of bond.

Completion of Guwahati Airport

4118. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the standard criteria for considering an airport as model airport and facilities required to be made available at such airports;

(b) whether construction of Guwahati Airport terminal building has been completed in all respect;

(c) if so, whether quality of work has been assessed;

(d) the list of facilities already created and those yet to be made;

(e) the construction defects, if any, and the remedial measures taken;

(f) whether Guwahati Airport has already started functioning as customs airport; and

(g) if not, the target date set for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The standard criteria adopted for development of Model Airports are as under:

— Terminal building capable of handling minimum 500

passengers at a time.

- Excellent passenger facilities.
- Modern technical and operational infrastructure facilities for efficient air traffic services.
- Adequate Navigational and Visual Aids for all whether flight operation.
- Efficient and reliable aeronautical communication services.
- Standard runway length for modern wide bodies jet aircraft, (viz. minimum 7500 ft.) spacious apron. Efficient and adequate ground safety services.

(b) The terminal building work has been completed in January, 2001 except for facility of Flight Information Display System and central airconditioning.

(c) Quality of work is being supervised and assessed by senior officers of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) who are executing the project and Airports Authority of India from user's angle.

(d) The works such as arrival and departure lounges with conveyor belts, security hold area, passenger baggage trolleys, X-Ray baggage inspection equipment, car park, VIP Lounge and Rest Room and Restaurant have been completed. Works relating to central airconditioning of Terminal Building and Installation of Flight Information Display System are in progress.

(e) Construction defects observed from time to time were rectified by the CPWD.

(f) and (g) Provision of Customs facilities will be subject to demand from airline operators for operation of international flights.